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Hawaii Community Development Authority
Kalaeloa Authority
547 Queen Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813



RE: Development Permit Application for Ka'ulu Residential Community

Dear Chair Todani and Members of the Kalaeloa Authority:

My name is Frances Rivero, semi-retired previous Clubhouse Director and COO for Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii three years ago. Brought back a year ago as a part-time Community Development staff. Currently I am the Weed and Seed of Hawaii Board President as well as board member for the Hoakalei Foundation in Ewa Beach. I've been involved with projects, events, charrettes and task forces that had to do with either to create, and or explore design ideas for projects that was needed for the betterment of the Ewa Beach community.

Gentry Homes Hawaii is one of few companies I truly support and is close to my heart. Since 2002 Gentry Homes has been a huge supporter of the Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii most in particular the erection of a permanent clubhouse in Ewa Beach that provides program services for over 1,500 youth a year. Without community supporters like Gentry Homes, the clubhouse would not exist.

I SUPPORT the Ka'ulu Residential Community because the developer not only kept the local families in mine through their planning process, but proposing to build high quality energy-efficient, green built homes. Units that will priced to be affordable, creating job opportunities during construction each year as well as opportunities to obtain career ladder jobs not presently available. The intended location in Kalaeloa affords many the opportunities to be close to clinics, schools, parks, a state complex and a future commercial/retail center and Kapolei Commons. Truly, a place where more people can live, work, play and learn.

I humbly ask for your support of Gentry's development. I foresee they will help to meet Oahu's continuing housing demand that will meet the needs of residents of our community. Thank you for allowing me to testify on this much-needed residential project.

Sincerely,

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Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii

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